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SUBJ: CONTACTS ON GUINEA (B)

1. MICHAEL PLATZER, AIDE TO UN ASST. SYG DJERMAKOYE (NIGERIAN), CONTACTED MISOFF DEC 18, TO INFORM HIM THAT BOTH FRENCH AND REPS OF GUINEA (B) HAD SPOKEN TO DJERMAKOYE RECENTLY CONCERNING "NEGOTIATIONS" WITH LISBON. AS DEPT AWARE, DJERMAKOYE PR*VIOUSLY WAS ASST. SYG FOR SPECIAL AFRICAN QUESTIONS, NOW RESPONSIBLE FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, BUT STILL A CONFIDANTE OF MOST DELEGATES DEALING WITH AFRICAN MATTERS. ACCORDING TO PLATZER, FRENCH APPROACHES HAVE COME OVER PAST FEW MONTHS, BOTH FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF QUAI AND FROM THOSE AT FRENCH MISSION, INCLUDING DEPUTY PERMREP. PLATZER WENT ON TO SAY THAT PAIGC'S GIL FERNANDEZ HAD CONTACTED DJERMAKOYE AS RECENTLY AS DEC 17. ON BEHALF OF FERNANDEZ, DJERMAKOYE WAS ASKING PLATZER TO ASK US WHETHER WE (AMB SCHAUFLE) WOULD JOIN DJERMAKOYE AND FERNANDEZ AT A LUNCHEON, IDEALLY DEC 21, TO DISCUSS MEANS WHEREBY A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION BETWEEN GUINEA (B) AND LISBON COULD BE REACHED UNDER US AUSPICES.

2. OUR REACTION IS TO REFER PLATZER TO SC RES 322, CITING THAT INTERESTED PARTIES, SHOULD BE NEGOTIATORS AND NOTING THAT US IS NOT "INTERESTED PARTY". WE ALSO, UNLESS DEPARTMENT ADVISES TO CONTRARY, PLAN TO TELL PLATZER THAT AMB SCHAUFLE WOULD BE WILLING TO TALK WITH EITHER
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DJERMAKOYE AND FERNANDEZ, SEAPARATELY, BUT WITH UNDER-

STANDING THAT OUR INTERPRETATION OF RES 322 IS AS ABOVE
AND THAT WE ARE NOT ABLE TO ENTER INTO "NEGOTIATING"
OR "AUSPICE" ROLE.
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